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Written for Bennet Botsford Harvey by his grandmother Myra Fisk Botsford.

Bennet Botsford Harvey
son of Bertha Fisk Botsford Harvey
dau. " Bennet Buckman Botsford
son " Jabez Kent Botsford whose
diary follows — He was born June
11th 1811—

Journal commenced Apr. 12. 1833
Newtown - Conn.

I arrived yesterday from New York. Had a very pleasant ride, on board stage - from Bridgeport The company was very agreeable. Came up in the Westchester (from New York to Bridgeport) commanded by Capt Brooks, runs opposition. Fare in ward 12½ cts. Came into Norwalk half an hour ahead of Steamboat Citizen. but owing to the tide being very low. we could not come along side dock, until the other boat had time to overhaul us. but we had the good luck to get ashore as soon as the passengers did from the other -

The wind was quite fresh all day but not uncomfortable.

Stopped at one place and asked for cold water. The lady said there was none, & I had to go dry until next Stopping place. The woman however looked at the pitcher and then at the well as much as to say there is plenty of water in there

Sat. evening April 13th.

The weather is rather cold nothing of any consequence transpired.

Sun. Eve. Apr - 14th

The weather fine, but strong breeze from N.W.

Heard Mr Comstock preach all day.

Mon April 15th

How different does it seem from the city (New York) how still, no one moving. The inhabitants have I think deserted the place & I mourn over the departed greatness of old Newtown.

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She has been left- to crumble 3
into the dust.
No business doing. only you see
now & then a solitary wagon
passing by - went- to the Chas.
Beers to Cold Spring. & when
there, found we had to go
down almost to the gate. Wind
blowing raw & chilly from S.W.
Had two pair of pants cut
out by Beers -

April 16th Sues

The weather quite cold. Quite
a frost last night - Went
to Sandy Hook -

April 17th Wed

Been sewing pretty much
all day - (probably making
pants, as his father would
have him to be a tailor)
went this afternoon to Deacon
Beeches to a "rag society" and
drove a load down, and
harnessed up in the evening
and brought them back again.

Apr 18 - Thurs

Rec. two letters from A.P. Bots[illegible]
weather unusually fine this
morning — Kept shop for Mr. Keeler in of

apr 19 - Fri

The weather fine & Spring comes on rapidly - The country begins to cast off its melancholy gloom, and deck itself in robes of green - The birds warble forth their sweet notes. The cattle low as they feed on the pastures. The lambs skip and play as their dams are feeding. The beech trees put forth their buds in anticipation of Spring - and the little blades of grass as they come forth. make all nature look enchanting. This afternoon - went down to Palestine to see mother. Did not find her at home, but drank tea - there. The wind blew quite fresh going down. The road rather stony. Began to make garden this day. so am tired enough. to go to bed -, So good night.

apr 20 Sat. Morning

Worked in garden all day Hoed - my hands & feet pretty tired - This evening - Kept Store for Stigum.

Sunday Morning 25
How still and solemn is this morning, the bells as they peal forth their notes to invite the people to the house appointed for worship, seem to throw a solemn stillness around. & to awaken in the mind a pleasing reflection. and now they begin to gather around, each one in his best suit arrayed. Some go to church to hear the word expounded, others to show their fine dresses.
In the afternoon went to Spis. Church. & heard Mr. Stratton, preach a very excellent discourse. The church pretty well filled. This evening took a walk with D. N. L. to Newtown. is still Newtown. Spent the evening very pleasant.

Monday Morning Apr 27
Got up early to keep time for Sleigh - Began to post books for Lauson Beers. & feel tired enough to go to bed but it has been pleasant all this day -

Tuesday Evening
Rain this morning, pleasant & middle & day, & rain in the after

noon. Wheat was very much 6
wanted. the ground being
very dry. Everything looks fresh.
Had an invitation to attend a
quilting party, and was very
sorry I could not be there at
Mrs. Dillons, Business would
not admit my being there.

Wednesday Evening 13
Rain and Snow. This morning
very unpleasant all day.
I kept a good fire
This evening very pleasant and
weather looks as though it
were going to be very fine.

Thurs Evening Apr 14
Rain very hard. after cleaning
and scrubbing floors, and put-
ting things in order. Rather cloudy
and quite chilly fire not un
comfortable. Were I am
dealing out a cents worth of
Snuff, I gd called and asked
Tobacco it is much measured
now a gallon molasses is called.
for. I must go and get it, Stick
my hands up with it. o cursed
molasses thou wast made by
negroes, for mankind to eat
See that beautiful maiden come
in, what a grace is seated on
her brow. with an Eye like Mars

She ~~prices~~ prices goods.
I pity the shop keeper. where ever
she goes — you must sell her
cheap —, cheap, and then the
yankee money, who can count
it; when she comes to pay her bill
your heart shutters, and you can
not help it, I would ask any of
those people that had this journal
from day to day, whether this is
not a fact — Incure that wench
as she comes in with all the
air of a — White person, mim-
icking some mistress of hers
and then another comes with
face drawn down, & an ell
feet — I pity, but who can look
at her — Oh misfortune thou art
the father of this.

Friday Apr 25

Nothing of importance occured
Except that E. Keeler arrived
home from the big city

Saturday Apr 26

The morning nice and Every
thing looks flourishing.
Peach trees are in ~~the~~ bloom — &
the willows have become rather
un. foliage — This afternoon
we have had a Militia training
for the purpose I suppose of
appearing as the law directs & Oldham
was vacant. The company is

dressed. Some were dressed in the principal part was the Scottish Relation. Some had feathers in their caps some had a uniform coat on. Some had none some a raw rod, some a gun and some a cane thus a whip and to take them all in all they were a scabby sett, and dishevelled. Then Miles mustered down. Said he will he comp. any proceeding to enlist for. Captain and they put in a fellow that was the scabbiest of the scabby, and sleekest him was the Lieut. who was quite a military officer —

He next proceeded to make this speech. which was short and comprehensive —

Gentlemen — officers and fellow soldiers. you have this day chosen me to be your Captain, & the Powers Assembly does fit to give me a Commission I shall accept. Then shewed him and congratulated him much on the commencement of his Military career.

Sunday Evening apr 27.

The weather pleasant — Wrote this day to A. P Botsford, and also to George E. Lyon. Went in morning to hear Mr. Ermston preach. The house was rather lean — In the afternoon to hear Mr Stratton. Episcopal. In evening went to Singing School. Spent the evening pleasantly.

Monday Evening apr 28

Today has been unusually fine, and Spring has come in good earnest.

Tuesday apr 29

Weather hot and sultry. Went to Weston. Had a very pleasant jaunt. Went to the Furnace. It is quite a place of business. There being a forge where bar iron is made a foundry shop. a furnace where castings are done. and they also make axes. It appears as if it were away out from the world, but the truth is where there is a good water privilege, there will also be a good place of business.

I saw them cast. hard coal is used for melting the old iron

this day the old bell pear tree
is in bloom. and peach and
cherry trees are also. + promises
a second. to give plenty of
fruit. — .

May 2 — 1833 — ~~Had Thurs~~
Weather quite cool, & more pleasant
than yesterday —
Went down to Society to Sandy Work
among the Mrs. Went three
no less than four times —
Had two parties to see, am
came near to get into a scrape
rather — by having so many, and
made the old proverb come
right — If you have two many
irons in the fire some. of
them will burn
The rag Society broke up about
nine o'clock! Well, I was about
the — early started — in foot for
home. one was so good as
to stop and let me know
they were going on, not in
the best humor. that ever was
either I assure you. Well I
was somewhat startled. it is
true. the evasive movements
that I went through, were not
very slow. In one moment I was
from the drawing room into my

wagon, and was making "
tracks homeward. to pick up
my load. which was rather
scattering. However I got them all
safely stowed away. & thus ends
what a time that was my
country men. but no bones were
broken and we arrived
home safely. It was all
as magic to me. but a mo-
ment ago I was enjoying my-
self well, surrounded by a
company of ladies, and
all went on jovial enough
but ah how transitory it was.
I was obliged to quit with
out saying as much as
good-bye to my host.
I will say somethin[illegible] you
must not. I do try many
things at one time, attend
ye to one thing.
If there ever was a person
who got themselves into a
hobble I was he. but I
have lived through it and
could have another laugh.
Friday May 3 - 1833.
Nothing of any consequence has

dried—, excepting the country is very much in want of rain. Everything is dry, and if it holds on a great while longer everything will suffer much for the want of it. Apple trees are now in the bloom, and there is every reason to expect a large quantity of them, and whiskey will be plenty. How pleasant, how delightful to walk in the evening when there is a full moon. Everything is still. A solemn silence pervades the earth, and then is the time for sober reflection. Then how pleasant to review the past and look forward in fond anticipations to the future—but ah the future we know little of. What lies beyond the present moment is dark to us. We know little of the disappointments that await us.

They may be few or many we are only to make our calculations, and if we make them bear, we are indeed happy, & if we do not it ought not to make us miserable.

We should hope for the best and if worst comes, we must bear it too. I am looking with anxiety and great impatience for a letter, and I hope it will soon be here — Come quick little messenger, and put to rest my impatience But what does it avail to be impatient, will it come any sooner? Why no. But we are formed so, and so we are

Sat. May 4th

Saw Wm Booth this day. Wind S.W. in the morning which brought rain about four o'clock P.M. Which was very much wanted —

Sun May 5th

Everything looks green and thriving Cloudy. Sun not seen clear — Went half a day to meeting three times and half to Episcopal and went in the Evening to and Singing School — —

Mon May 6th

Monday morning. Pleasant This is the day that a great

musters - rather than - through - in the - State. - to - purpose. - drilling - first - who are - military subjects - This place - cannot - find - it - its fine - companies as - many - This can -
Indeed there is not an independent company in this place and none goes out but those who are dragged out - and are not willing to subject themselves to a fine -
Those that go out generally have something on that is rather military. Some a feather - and some a coat that looks as if made for those - revolutionary worthies. who fought - our Countrys battles and - bled - in Freedoms cause.
Some are dressed one way some another and look - most hideous - This is the day when - people assemble from all - parts of the town to "training" as - it - is called. Each - in - his best - suit - arrayed - the - day passed off - unusually well.

In the evening went to a 15
Salby at Mrs. Morison's.
The company was quite numerous
and composed of all sorts of
young and old, & but the
evening very pleasantly, much
more than I anticipated -
The ladies were unusually
pleasant and joy and gayety
seemed to abound -
Some of the gentlemen, that
called themselves so, were not
& I am ashamed to write it:
that the gentleman that
called themselves so can put
on the air of one - It may
be cunning, if may be that
they do it because they may
be noticed by the company
present, but if they do it for
that, it is short-sightedness
in them. for no one would
expect a person that came
I had almost said kept-
company with them. but
enough, It is too much
If a man is a fool, it will
not be found out if he holds
his tongue - You do not catch
me going to any more parties
in this place

Tuesday May 7th
Weather quite warm. Had a very heavy thunder storm in the afternoon, makes the air seem refreshing —

May 8th Wed
Weather warm

May 9th Thurs
Fine cool morning, wind S.W.
Fine " breeze all day

Friday May 10th
Strong breeze from S.E. weather quite chilly. fire not uncomfortable — —
Been hunting the colt this day. Sold Wes Glover my carriage — Weather bids fair for a storm —

Sat May 11th
Rain ∇ a fine growing season.

Sun May 12th
Rain this morn. weather moderate — Fine growing season, a strong breeze from S.E. —
a H B's child taken very dangerously ill — Think it cannot survive long. — the lung complaint.

Monday May 13th
Sun. disappointed in not having my brother come on to

New York. I am tired staying? in - his place. and no business and cannot keep myself employed., and feel dull - The weather is hot & muggy. A & B's child died this day about Sun down. Named Wm Henry, about three months & fifteen days -

Mrs. Beebe mused it and felt almost for it, almost as much as its own mother. It was really a very pretty child, and was taken from this evil world, in its innocence - Happy infant - Early blest - Rest in peaceful slumber. Rest.

Tuesday Evening May 14th

The babe was this day carried over to Redding & was buried in the same grave with its mother - This morning weather was unpleasant when we started - The Sun as very heavy showers, but Providence favored us when we were about half the way by its stopping to rain.

and although the weather had every appearance of rain yet it held off —
Took dinner at Reading, and was pressed very hard to drink tea, but the weather looked so much like rain started off very soon.

May 15th Wednesday
Stormy this morn. but stops fair raining about eleven o'clock. Went to Society as it is called this day. Evening warm.

Thursday May 16th
Weather continues wet and all look with pleasure, when the weather will become settled —
How hard it is. How heavy time drags along, my wishes are not fulfilled — I look in vain for a letter. & turn away disappointed —

Friday May 17th
Weather cloudy & some rain cleared off pleasant; at

Sundown Northern Leg 41, 79
well very brilliant.
Saturday May 18 - 1833
This morning is pleasant
and pasture is beauty.
The Sun is seen once more
sheds its glorious rays once
more upon us -
No letter from Jarsus (his brother)
Rec. a letter from R. P. B.
Sunday May 19th
This morning, There was a
funeral this day - Mariam
Glover was buried. She
died very suddenly, and
the concourse of people
was large. Who paid their
last respects to her remains.
She was young, being only
twenty-two years of age.
She was cut down in
her youthful prime. The
time was one of serious
importance - to many of the
young people who stood
by the grave - Since they were
going to bury one whom they

had associated with her so a little time before.
What is life? Is but a vapour that appeareth for a little time and then vanisheth away. She was cut down in the morning of her days. Her young heart beat high with expectations, and she planned to herself a long life but oh, in how short a time was she to enter in to the unseen realities of the future state. There seems something peculiarly interesting when a young person is taken away, and one who was in the bloom of health. The aged know that they soon must die. The young scarcely out of childhood and a long life, and fancy to themselves that death is afar off. But while they have these pleasant Emotions. The Divine Messenger may receive the command Cut them down. Why cumbereth it the ground.

and if Prepared, for a pleasant transition to spend so short a time on Earth, & so soon, to be permitted to enter on that blissful shore. where no disagreements await us, and where all is peace and happiness.

There was a concerto in the evening at the Presbyterian church of sacred musick.

The house was filled to the singers acquitted themselves as workmen, that need not be ashamed.

There was an address delivered by Mr. Rev J Dunbury. which was very appropriate to the occasion They began to sing at very early candle light. and continued by short intervals until about ten o'clock when they were through. The occasion passed off very well, and all things went slick.

I must say that I felt very proud that some of my relations acquitted themselves so well for while they were singing the utmost silence prevailed and all that joined in the concert came off with honors flushing thick upon them. I hope they will persevere and not give it up soon & keep improving until they shall stand on Mt. Zion and sing the song of Moses & the Lamb.

Monday May 20th
Morning cloudy, but rain in the Evening. Shut up hens

Tuesday (the 21st)
Next morning went to Sandy Hook this day. Rained this night — Wind E —

Wed. May 22 —
Fine morning and evening pleasant —

Thurs 23rd — Morning cloudy Charles went to Bridgeport this day

Received a letter from 23
Tarsus this day & was glad
to see it.
Fri. May 24th
Pleasant and quite cool
Am preparing to start for
New York.
Sat May 25th 1833
Started from Newtown (Conn)
for New York. Had a very
rough time indeed, and
it made me quite sea
sick. It was the first
time I was ever out
when it was so rough.
The Steamboat Fairfield
a boat just built, was
opposition to the Westchester
broke her machinery, and
the Westchester took her
passengers and brought
them into New York.
The Fairfield lay about
a mile and ½ mile from the
Saw pits. The rain de-
scended in torrents. The
boat was occasionally
drenched by the waves

Got into New York about ½ past 4 P.M. — Glad to set my foot on terra firma

Sunday May 26

Weather pleasant. Good to be where someone is moving. We went up to Eliazur Starr's house & took dinner, because we could not get out of it. Had the head ache some this day. Effect of sea sickness yesterday. Jarvis & myself took a walk in the Evening on the Battery, and it was all alive, with people, who had come where they could sniff the sea breeze. Evening pleasant.

Monday May 27th

Weather cloudy, and threatens rain. R. Barroughs. arrived this day. Went to see Jos & Harriet. (His sister & husband) Wrote a P.S. this day.

Tuesday 28th

Rained this morning. A very unpleasant day. Jarvis went this day to Norwich — went to the theatre this Evening

I saw Mr. Kemble and his daughter Fanny perform in the drama of The Stranger a very interesting play. it was so too. Theatre well filled

Wed. 29th -

Weather cloudy all day, and if it is said will continue so. until the Quakers return from their meeting, which I hope they will do soon.

Saw the balloon ascend from Castle Garden. with one enterprising fellow citizen Charles F Durand.

The day was very bad for him to ascend. as it looked very much like rain and it came on so thick just before he ascended that you could not distinguish the flag at the mast heads of vessels. but he was not daunted in the least by these appearances. The Garden being well filled, & the Battery. Crowded I had almost said crowded to overflowing.

He ascended amidst the
Shouts & the assembled
multitude. and in the space
of 5 seconds was out of
sight. It appeared like
a dream. but it was not.
I saw it with my own eyes.
but after all. it was curious
to see a man go up in
the air that machine. He
landed safe
Thurs May 30th. Morn clear
but quite chilly. Even this
Evening to the Theatre. Saw
the Wonder & Catherine & Petruchio
performed, Miss Fanny Kemble's
benefit. Theatre crowded to
overflowing
Friday Morn. Weather pleasant
Chas. arrived in Evening of this
day
Sat. Morn The weather pleasant
Sunday June 2nd 1833
This morn started for the West
this in the Steam Boat Champlain
for Albany
Left New York at 7 A.M. & arrived
at Albany at ½ past 5 (P.M) The
morning was quite wet. and
rainy for two or three hours

quite hard, & indeed the day 27
was rather unpleasant.
I could not see as much of
the beautiful scenery as I
could have wished, but I saw
Enough to satisfy my mind
there were many beautiful
situations on the River & the
beauties of the Hudson I cannot
describe to you. As you pass
up the River, you see at a
distance Tarrytown & on the
banks of the river, the house
in which three Americans
conspired. André in which
was intercepted by them &
taken as a Spy.
There are many pleasant
villages on the river which
are flourishing, and increasing
both in population & in wealth
The Highlands are certainly
deserving of notice, for here
you pass through the Mts.
or between them, and the
Mts. are very steep indeed &
covered over with brush
that makes them look
beautiful.
The beautiful landscapes
that present themselves to the
eye almost charms the mind

A man - and - makes him - look - us - and - nature - King - who called - this Earth - from - nor - existence - & the heavens - stood

West Point is an object of - attraction - to every true friend of - his country, and - as it - is situated - on the top of - the mountains, with all the - it's powers of accommodation - for its cadets. & of views for - the inhabitants, it exists - there, makes it look fair - and noble

And now at this season - when it is covered with verdure, it is truly a - pleasant place -

As the steam boat stopped - at the dock. & the passengers - got off. there was a guard - stationed - there, & one also - took the names of the - passengers as they landed - I should have liked to have - stopped - there awhile but could - not. there are many other places - deserving of notice. which I cannot -

put down now —
Arriving at Albany, the Mont-
gomery Hall House, not first-class
Monday June 3rd. 1833
Went to Schenectady on the
railroad. Started from
Albany at about 10 a m. arrived
in Schenectady at a quarter
before 12 p. m — not a very
quick passage for a steam
car. but a very pleasant
mode of travelling —
The country through which it
passes is very poor. Mostly
sand. Immediately on ar-
rival at Schenectady, our
ears were assailed with
an hundred voices, enquiring
of us "Mister, Mister are
you going West?" and such
pulling and hauling I never
saw for passengers, and
blackguarding every thing
else. & if a person does not
take care they will run
away with his baggage
before he knows it.
We soon made a bargain with
the Captain of the Ohio and
New York Erie canal boat "Sovereign"

A very decent boat- too * 30
and we had very good passengers indeed. and among the rest five or six Quakers with their women aboard. We sailed soon as we came on board. & now here we are sailing along on board of the boat in this big ditch. The wind blows so cold and so hard. I cannot stand it on deck, neither can I see as much of the country as I could wish. so fine I am now going to turn in for the first time on board a canal boat. & had the upper berth in the after cabin & slept very finely. Slept cold too. The way they steer the boat in the night is this. They have two large lamps, placed on the forward part of the boat and then they stick two quills one on each side of the boat on the corners. and by the feathers of the quills they steer by. The evening was fine but rather chilly. So here we are agoing night & day, drawn by two horses at tandem. a boy

drives & rides the hind one. The
is on. duty six hours.

Tuesday June 4th

Morning clear, cold and chilly.
and now we are within six
miles of Sault Falls N.Y. The land
looks well. The country is not
as forwarded as I expected
to find it. At last we have
arrived at the Falls. and here
we are likely to be detained for
awhile as a boat loaded
with wheat has sunk in
the canal. and hindered from
thirty to forty boats from passing
through the locks and now
we are waiting with the patience
of Job for them to unload
the boat. The boat sank
opposite the aqueduct and
not about half the cargo.
We lie under the hills in one
of the most picturesque places
I have passed yet.
The river runs very rapidly
here and takes the name
of Sault Falls. and is one of
the most rocky places I
ever saw. The canal is
built out on the side of the
river. I should have thought

it was raised about — feet & then the bot. is dug & blasted out & it must have been a very costly part of the canal. There is a very fine aqueduct built here, across the Mohawk, for a feeder to the canal. The village itself lies — very flourishing indeed and miles of all descriptions are carried on — The water-power is great. The boat was detained so long that it gave us a fine opportunity of seeing the place — At about six o'clock we are again under motion, and have six locks to go through well after we got through them we had another pull back, namely having eight or ten boats get wedged in to attics, and if ever human nature got shoved out, it was then. one would not back out because he was to blame. & another thought he was not & so it went on until the master of our boat went to the Supt. & he soon made them back out & we got under

way, about ½ past 8 p. m. & no accident has yet occurred us.

Monday June 5th

Morn pleasant, and we are in the flourishing village of Utica which looks quite like a city, or one in appearance only smaller.
It looks fine. Many fine buildings, in this place the canal runs through the city. After leaving Utica we passed through a part of the marshy and swampy land, here & there a small village interspersed.

Thurs June 6th

Morning rather chilly. Jarvis took the packet boat this morning for Rochester. This morning we were in the village of Syracuse, very pleasantly situated, and there are many fine stone houses along the canal & the buildings are very pretty as they are all mostly new.
Gives the place a very neat appearance. We have this day passed through some very

thriving villages, & the in. 34
habitants appear industrious.
Canistota (~~probably Canistoga~~) is a
very pretty village & some very
first-rate land about this
neighbourhood.
afternoon — pleasant. It is sport-
ive see the boats race with one
another. Passed through Moulé
Juma about 6 o'clock & here the
salt marshes commence, &
mosquitoes by the wholesale. &
they are not lazy about nipping
either. They keep a feller busy.
This night we have been to a
concert, or to a place of muesick.
the performers were principally
the mosquitoes & their children
with their wives, servants &c.
Friday June 7th.
This morn passed Newark and
Palmyra. Both of them very
pretty villages. Palmyra especially
there are some good buildings
in that place, & mostly of brick
as we pass through the most
part of the villages. they bear
evidence that they have grown
up in a hurry. the country is not-
able for such part so many stores,
store houses &c, & many of them
are not occupied at all.
The country we pass through is not-
very good, but they say it is better

a little back from the canal 35
We hired a wagon & 2 hs. and
took a short-cut back to
Rochester, which was 16 miles
by canal & 8 by the road.
We arrived there about 3 o'clock
in the city of Rochester & had
plenty of time. To view the city
which indeed I was surprised
to find so large.
I went to view the Genesee Falls
where the famous Sam Patch took
his last leap. The water here
tumbles over the rocks in fine
style & looks fine enough.
But what could have induced
inspired Sam Patch to have
leapt off there, is more than
I can say. But Sam was an
ambitious & wished to immortalize
his name by doing a feat
that no man had ever done
or would dare to do, & then
the Falls were high enough
for him. & he must build a
platform of about 20 ft higher
than Table Rock & then from this
dizzy height he leapt off the same
place & he jumped this mortal
life & was launched into the
unseen realities of another
state. Rochester is a fine
place. 2 bridges. The canal
crosses the river at this place
on an aqueduct which is a fine

most splendid work, done in the most durable manner possible. There are many fine flour mills in this place and here is where the best flour is made. These mills are all built of stone and besides these are Latin manufactories. and many other works carried on by the famous water power that is here. The churches are very large, and the Methodists are building one of stone, which is very large. They also have a rail road that extends to Lake Erie which is three or four miles long. where the produce is carried. This village or city as it now is. was once offered to a man for $6.000 now it would hardly buy a building lot. The change is a great in property. What a desecration that we have seen ha. When we left the canal at Fultons Basin we passed through a hilly sandy country. There are

Some good pieces of wheat. yet the country did not answer my expectations. The fare aboard was three shillings, and we went to the Eagle Tavern that is called just now — we took tea there and we had to pay three shillings for it; and it was not as good as that we had on board of the boat but then if we go where just folks stop, we must pay just prices I have had enough of Eagle Tavern — Here we waited until the boat came up, which it did about ½ past 8 o'clock in the evening. The villages that we passed through are all new, and most of them have two churches in them.

Sat June 8.

Morning cold & uncomfortable to be on deck. This is the eighth day that we have been on the journey, and I hope that by Tuesday we shall be in Buffalo. Albion is quite a pretty village & has the appear

ance I being a place of
business —
We passed through Lockport
about ten in the evening. I
could not have a good view
of it: but from that it is a
great work. It shows that
man can do great things.
that is makes water run
up hill —

Sunday June 9th 1833

We are now within eleven miles
of Buffalo — Here the canal
runs parallel with the river
arrived at Buffalo at last
about nine o'clock in the
morning, and put up at
the City Hotel, kept by Allen
Buffalo is quite a large place.
and is destined to be still
larger. Her advantages are
great. It is the end of
canal navigation & of steam
boat also. Spent the sabbath
here.

Monday June 10th —

Weather cold & looks like a
storm — We left Buffalo this
morning at 7 o'clock in the
steamboat Pennsylvania for

Clevelaud. Fare 85 cts
Found we had a very good
time. Attempted the wind
was dead ahead.
We stopped at Erie. 4. a.m.
9. o'clock.
Friday the 11th
Very good nights rest. Stopped
at Ashtabula. This morning
had breakfast aboard. Then
pilled it all up. Feel rather
thin. Stopped at Fairport
about nine o'clock in the
morning, and arrived at
Clevelaud at ½ past one o'clock
Just passed our dinner aboard.
Stopped at the Franklin House
kept by Scovill. A very good house.
Clevelaud is certainly a very
growing place and the in.
habitants are very industrious
and enterprising and that
shows they are not backward
in estimating their privileges.
This is the County town and
the Court House is a very
handsome building and
there there is the first fire
tack, which is built of stone.

a new building — 40
The streets are laid out very wide and straight and certainly very much in its favor — and the buildings are all very pleasantly situated, built mostly of brick. The shore on the Lake is a delightful place to walk & take the air. & then you have such a fine view of the Lake (Erie) as far as the naked eye can see. Nothing but a vast body of water with a schooner ~~here & there~~ as far as you can discover as far as you can see, a little speck, which as she appears with her sails all set looks fine. The Lake is just as smooth as glass, not a ripple can you scarcely discover. It is so calm & the sun is just losing itself behind the Western Sky & figures the Lake a fluid enchanting Look —
Cleveland has many advantages which other places have not. Here is where the Penn. & Ohio Canal intersects their waters & this is it. Which must be a great advan

tage 16 of
We left Cleveland at 12 o'clock
in the night in the Stage
mail coach that runs to
Detroit. The 3 or 4 miles when
we first started was most
shocking bad, We went through
hedges & ditches, through swamps
over rails & the Devil knows
what we did not go over.
Well we did not get over this
bad road until daylight. we
passed through the village of
Dover where there is a rude
first rate land, fine wheat
land, Corn looks fine.
Then we passed through the
village of Ridgeville. The country
looks fine rich & very thriving
Next comes the village of Elyria.
Land looks well.
The road is most shocking
bad, all rutted up.
The land is level, & I think
quite too much so to be healthy
They can not make good roads
here, The soil is of clay, & they
cannot make the road hard.
We arrived in Florence June 12. 1833
after a fatiguing journey of 16
days & glad to stop one more

June. 13 1833 Thurs.
Went this day down to the Lake through the woods through mud puddles &c
If a man in this country is not covered all over with mud. he must be a man of very nice qualities. for he must stay in the house and not go out & another thing to be like the rest he must be covered with mud
Friday 14th Went a strawberrying today. Rather wet & squally.
Sat 15th
a fine morn. Went to Milan this day. Is quite a place I should think for business. The roads are quite bad in this quarter
Sunday June 16 1833
The morn very pleasant. Went to church half a day in the woods. The meeting house built of logs. It does very well for them now. It is about a mile from Florence Corners (where his brother Jarvis lived)
Mon June 17
Went this morn to a place called Wakeman where there is a distillery

Saw mill & mill situated on the Vermillion River. The land is very good on the route.

Tuesday June 18 Weather moderate nothing of any consequence transpires Wed Morn Cloudy & looks like rain In the afternoon a thunder Shower which was much wanted

Thurs June 20

Morn fine. Afternoon went hunting In the woods the Mosquitoes are so thick you can cut them with a knife.

Friday June 21.

Morn fine & went to Huron this day which is about 10 miles from Florence. Had a very pleasant ride. Took dinner at J. Jackson's Huron is a very quack place at present, but in time I think will be quite a place for business or as soon as the country gets settled. There is now building a very large steam boat; said to be the largest boat ever built, name the George Washington. The cabins are large & spacious and I never saw any boat that was any touch to it. The United States have made an

harbour here which cost $15.000
Sat. Bennet (another brother) rec. his goods this day, Sunday we put them up & worked all day the Sabbath in these parts is not kept at all. We had a great many visitors this day I never went to bed tireder than I did this night.
Monday We had business enough receiving goods & stowing them away & peddling them out.
Tues June 25. Business enough & over run with customers, rec. our crockery this day & worked hard to put it up.
Wed. 26. Day rather cool Business good.
Thurs 27. The nights are quite cool & mornings damp. Weather for the time of year quite backward. This is election day in this place for the justice of the peace. The people chose him by direct ballot. The candidate that succeeds treats to punch.
Friday June 28
This day rec. a letter from A P B.
Sat June 29. This is a great place for business & all descriptions

fighting is not slow in this place, & drunkards ~~there~~ there are not a few of them
The mornings are very cold & so are the evenings. Musquitoes not a few of them, & flies without number. This is the greatest place for them that I ever saw & they are a plague both to man & beast.
Sunday June 30
This day though neglected by some yet by far the greater proportion make it a day of sport & amusement, none think hardly of attending public worship, but by far the greater proportion had rather take a gun on their shoulders & go a hunting. There was a man once riding through these parts and he asked another man what day they called it. The man answered him that in Cleveland it was called Sunday, but this side of there there was no Sunday. This is a specimen of the morals of this place & indeed I expect that it is the case of all new countries or places rather. That it is the greater portion of them

Society is not as good. the inhabitants are generally a low set. there are no two ways about that. There was an Elephant passed this way last night. There is an Encampment three miles from here

July 1st 1833

This is the first summer day we have had this year and it has been very warm. A shower we had towards night, which settled in to a steady rain

July 2nd This is a wet morning cleared off very pleasant before night.

July 3rd Morning pleasant, but there are showers all about us. Towards evening had quite a shower. Evening quite cool.

July 4th 1833

Independence this day. Gay in appearance. Morning weather unpropicious. for the evening in the "4th of July." Morning quite wet. but towards 8 o'clock it did clear off gay. A shower or two has been about in the western horizon.

and down the whole sky was clear - It was something like a man preparing for battle. He first divests himself of all loose garments, so that he will not be discommoded by them. This is the way the clouds are swept away, and show the deep blue azure sky. It seems to prepare itself to celebrate the independence of millions of the human race. A nation is free, with what joy was the day hailed in 76 by our forefathers. They were freed from a tyrants grasp. A nation had sprung into existence, and then it was but in embryo. It now marches on with a giant step. This western wilderness it has almost made into a cultivated field, and the time will soon be, if the people remain united, that this whole America shall be inhabited. The wilderness shall be cut away and cultivated. fruits shall abound up in the West.

The march of improvement
is great - Large villages are
seen now springing up, where
once the "red man" hunted
his game & where the deer may
reposed in security, & knew
what it was to be shot at or
disturbed. Here once was the
Indian wigwam. Here was
smoked the "pipe of peace"
But where are they now, they
have disappeared, the white
man had driven them far
away and they are now but
the remains of what was mighty
The mighty warrior has de-
scended his young men to
teach them the art of it.
The white man, his wife and
his children, have been
slaughtered without mercy.
~~and he was~~ The red
man was offended and he
was determined to seek
revenge. and could he be
blamed, to see his possessions
calmly taken away. No. He
could not.
The people began to hunt the

if is the 4th of July -
Punch - takes the lead.
For. July 5
Morn fine and pleasant - we once more receive the rays of Phoebus upon us -
The farmer begins to whet his scythe and prostrate the grass before him. Behold the harvest has almost come, and soon the tall wheat will be cut down & gathered into the barn.
Sat July 6
Morning cloudy. Rain every once in a little while.
Sunday Morning
Clear and pleasant. Went no where, and slept what I could, but the flies are rather troublesome. What is Sunday in this place. Why it is a day of pleasure. more than a Sabbath of adoration to Him. who watches over my Cares and actions every hour.
Monday July 8 -
Day quite hot and sultry.
People begin to mow a good deal

Had a small shower
July 9th Rain last night & pleasant this morning
Rather cool all day.
Stirred hay this day.
July 10th
This day started for Detroit rode on horseback to Huron a distance of ten miles from Florence and arrived there about ten o'clock and remained there until four p.m. when the Str. Henry Clay came in, commanded by Capt. Norton. Said to be the fastest boat on the Lake. I took cabin passage, fare $2.50 — Did not sleep much — the weather was so hot. Had a fine time & arrived in Detroit at daylight, July 11th breakfasted at the Sheridan House. Hotel kept by B. Woodward. Found that Hiram had gone to Monroe the day before, arrived. Detroit is the first place where

I ever saw the Aborigines of the country, dressed with their silver ornaments on their heads, legs and arms. On their legs were leggings & moccasins on their feet — The steamboat Hotel is crowded with Showmen, circus-riders and theatrical performers. They have just completed a theatre in back from the House — Detroit is a very pretty place, and the land very level —

Sunday July 11th

Rained this morning but cleared off at eleven o'clock. Spent the morning walking about. went to the Catholic Chapel in the afternoon — The greatest humming I ever heard. After they had swung up incense, the music would play up Washington-March. and so they played all the Fort-Gratiots. Seemed like "Training Day" From July 12th to the 25th have had most thundering hot weather —

and have been lying idle
Shipped the 24th to Chicago
by the "White Pigeon" merchan
dise salt and whiskey.
The 24th of July was my maiden
purchase — Business has
commenced from the 24th
to 30th —
Not much has transpired
except that things begin
to "Ship-shape" something like —
Chicago —
Was sick a little the 27th
and 28th — but took some
pills and wound off by having
a stiff neck —
This day the 30th of July felt
quite well —
Shipped this day to Chicago
my trunk & some other
articles ——
Arrived at Chicago — by
wagon — from Detroit with Mr Volney Hubbard
August 15th 1833 —